

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 19-31 and 49 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Raza (U.S. Patent 6,603,711) in view of Roy et al. (U.S. Patent 6,646,983). The Examiner also stated that claims 32-34 recite allowable subject matter.

To expedite prosecution of this application, claims 19, 20, 21, 31, 33 and 49 have been amended, and claims 30 and 32 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. In particular, the limitation previously recited in claims 30 and 32 have been added to claims 19 and 49. Hence, the rejection of these claims is rendered moot, as such, Applicants do not acquiesce, admit or otherwise agree with the Examiner's rejection of these claims in view of the cited references.

New claims 61-64 have also been added to the application. Accordingly, claims 19-29, 31, 33, 34, 49 and 61-64 are pending in the application. It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration of the application and an early notice of allowance are earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. PETAP001).

Respectfully submitted,

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